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Group 1

- **Very concerned about displacement as a result of increased density!!!**
 - As people come in, costs will rise and both businesses and residents will be forced out.
- **Need affordable homeownership !!!!!!!**
 - Must be reba-free financing. Habitat's financing does work, but there are too few units (i.e. they had 800 applicants for 20 units)
 - Need large units – families often have 3-8 kids
 - Lease to own
- Housing affordability concerns:
 - Increasing Housing costs in new buildings will push housing costs up in existing buildings (Concern)
 - Incentive zoning will increase costs of housing and businesses in adjacent existing buildings
- **Preserve Local Businesses!!!!!!**
 - Need affordable commercial space!!!!!!
 - Owned (condos) and rental
 - Would like commercial space in new developments to go to local businesses
- Many shoppers of local African businesses live in Rainier Valley or Renton
- East African Community needs parking
 - because they are taxi drivers, etc.
 - How do you carry a bag of rice on transit?
- Need shopping
- Need Mosque
- Need to build trust:
 - Trust Broken during discussions about New Holly re-development. They were told that after renting for 10 years they would be able to own – that it would be a lease-to-own program. This has not proved to be true
 - So, now, they need to understand how their advice will be used. (ie, if they give advice will anything come of it?)